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Superfund Program Management Branch
5HS-11
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

SUPERFUND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Subject: Request for Information concerning Albion-

Sheridan Township Landfill Calhoun County, Michigan

Dear Ms. Justus:

Enclosed with this letter is the response to the Section 104(e) Information Request which was sent to Michigan Waste Systems, Inc. and its division, Waste Management of Michigan-Battle Creek concerning the above referenced landfill. In accordance with my earlier discussion with you, they were given until November 2 to respond to the request. In order to ensure that our response to you is as complete as possible, we have conducted a thorough investigation in order to ascertain whether Michigan Waste Systems or Waste Management of Michigan-Battle Creek (which is now called Waste Management of Michigan-Southwest) had any connection with the Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill. Despite the thoroughness of our search, we must reserve the right to supplement this response should additional information come to our attention at a later date.

In making this response, neither Michigan Waste Systems, Inc. or Waste Management of Michigan-Southwest in any way admit or acknowledge any liability whatsoever under CERCLA or any other law for the study or clean up of the Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Leininger Environmental Counsel

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- 1. Robert E. Leininger is answering these questions on behalf of Respondent.
- 2. The persons consulted in the preparation of these answers were Edward VanPoolen, General Manager Waste Management of Michigan-Southwest and Larry Hickey, Senior Roll-off Driver for Waste Management of Michigan-Southwest and its predecessors since August, 1973.
- 3. No documents could be located which had any reference to the Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill.
- 4. There is no EPA identification number for Waste Management of Michigan-Southwest or Michigan Waste Systems, Inc.
- 5. Respondent is not aware of any additional persons or documents that may be able to provide additional information in response to the questions contained in the Information Request.
- 6. Respondent is unaware of the acts or omissions of any persons who may have caused the release or threat of release of hazardous substances at the Site.
- 7. Respondent is aware of no one, including its own employees who has knowledge or information about the generation, transportation, treatment, disposal or other handling of hazardous substances at the Site.
- 8. Respondent never used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, disposed, transported or otherwise handled any hazardous substances at the Site.
- 9. Respondent is not aware of any leak, spills or releases of any kind into the environment of hazardous substances that have occurred at the Site.
- 10. Respondent did not nor is it aware of anyone who has accepted hazardous substances for transportation to the Site for any person.



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- 11. Respondent did not and does not know who may have arranged for disposal or treatment or arranged for transportation for disposal or treatment of hazardous substances at or to the Site.
- 12. Attached hereto as Attachment A is a listing of the liability insurance information which is available for Michigan Waste Systems, Inc. and Refuse Services, Inc.
- 13- Enclosed herewith as Attachment B are Respondent's
- 15. financial statements for the years 1986 and 1987 which were submitted to the State of Michigan. Prior years statements are in storage and will be retrieved and submitted to U.S. EPA if requested. Please advise Respondent accordingly. Michigan Waste Systems, Inc., a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc. does not submit separate income tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service.
- 16. Charlevoix County Landfill is the only subsidiary of Michigan Waste Systems, Inc. The parent company of Michigan Waste Systems, Inc. is Waste Management, Inc.
- 17. A copy of Respondent's most current By-laws and Articles of Incorporation is enclosed herewith as Attachment C.
- 18. All of the shares of Respondent are owned by Waste Management, Inc.



bcc: Dave Domzal
Dick Houpt
Peter Kelly
Bill McDonough
Dave Miller
Jeff Passeno
Ed VanPoolen
File 2992

INSURANCE LIABILITY POLICIES

Insured: Refuse Services, Inc. 1.

64 South McCamly Street Battle Creek, MI 49014

Insurance Company: Hanover Insurance Company

Group:

Hanover Insurance Cos.

Environmental Claims Supervisor

Hanover Insurance Company

100 N. Parkway

Worchester, MA 01605

Term: 11/04/71 to 11/04/74 No: 5AGL 179902

Limits: BI: 500,000 Pers./500,000 Occ.

PD: 100,000 Occ./Agg.

Term: 11/04/69 to 11/04/72 No: 5AGL 114121

Limits: BI: Not Indicated

PD: 100,000 Occ./Agg.

Insurance Liability Policies For Insured: Michigan Waste Systems 22180 West Nine Mile Road Southfield, MI 48034

1. Ins. Co.: Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Group: Fireman's Fund Insurance Cos.

Doris I. Maneke

Environmental Litigation Specialist

Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. Environmental Claims Facility 1330 Redwood Way, Suite B

Petaluma, CA 94952

Term:

01/01/72 to 01/01/73

No: LC 1775926

Term:

01/01/73 to 01/01/74

No: LP 1299667

Limits:

BI: 500,000 Occ./Agg.

PD: 500,000 Occ./Agg.

2. Ins. Co.: Associated Indemnity Corporation Group: Fireman's Fund Insurance Cos.

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Term: Term:

Term:

01/01/74 to 01/01/76 No: LP 2080871 01/01/76 to 01/01/77 No: LP 2080921 01/01/77 to 01/01/78 No: 7ZM445335

Limits:

BI: 500,000 Occ./Agg. PD: 500,000 Occ./Agg.

3. Ins. Co.: American Motorists Insurance Company

Group: Kemper Group

Mr. John D. Moyer Kemper Insurance Group

Tube Station B-3 Rt. 22 & Kemper Drive Long Grove, IL 60049

Term: 01/01/78 to 01/01/79 No: 8ZM445335 Term: 01/01/79 to 01/01/80 No: 9YM445335 Term: 01/01/80 to 01/01/81 No: OYM445335 Term: 01/01/81 to 01/01/82 No: 1YM445335 Term: 01/01/82 to 01/01/83 No: 2YM445335 Term: 01/01/83 to 01/01/84 No: 3YM445335 Term: No: 01/01/84 to 01/01/85 3YM445335~01 Term: 01/01/85 to 01/01/86 No: 3YM445335-02 Term: 01/01/86 to 01/01/87 No: 3YM445335-03 Term: 01/01/87 to 01/01/88 No: 3YM445335-04

Limits: BI: 500,000 Occ./Agg. PD: 500,000 Occ./Agg.

4. Ins. Co.: Continental Casualty Company

Group:

CNA Insurance Companies
William N. McCloskey

Environmental Claims Manager

CNA Insurance CNA Plaza

Chicago, IL 60685

Term: 01/01/88 to 01/01/89 No: GL 001602936

Limits: BI:

PD:

PD:

CSL: 5,000,000 Occ./10,000,000 Agg.

Exclusion provisions pertaining to policies issued to Waste Management, Inc.

In 1972, policies contained standard pollution exclusions excluding environmental claims unless the occurrence was sudden and accidental. In 1975, an endorsement was added regarding nonsudden leaks at the landfill sites. An Environmental Impairment Policy (EIL) has been in effect since 1980. In 1985, absolute exclusion involving pollution claims was added to the policy.